

IN THE UNIXED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Examiner: Thu Khanh Nguyen

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING A PLATE

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, said period of response being extended from September 2, 2003 (Tuesday following a federal holiday) to October 30, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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